

Voluntary Medicine Take-back Programs in King County, as of May 2012

Law Enforcement Providing Medicine Take-back in King County

Medicines accepted: all prescription drugs, including controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs.

Nine police departments in King County offer ongoing drug drop-off programs, currently funded by the police departments. LHWMP has provided financial assistance to some police units to purchase secure steel drop boxes (~\$800 each). Most ongoing law enforcement programs have been disposing of collected medicines with their evidentiary drugs or through the semi-annual DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Events.

Ongoing Law Enforcement Medicine Take-Back Site	Examples of pounds collected, if recorded/reported to LHWMP (includes drugs collected through any participation in DEA events)
Auburn Police Department	105 pounds at 2 DEA events, ongoing collection not reported
Bothell Police Department	(pounds reported as part of Snohomish County drug take-back)
Burien Police Station	120 pounds, from April 2011 to October 2011
Issaquah Police Department	595 pounds, from Jan. 2009 to October 2011.
Maple Valley Police Department	213 pounds, from November 2010 to January 2012
North Bend Police Department	382 pounds, from March 2010 to December 2011
Sammamish Police Department	340 pounds in 2011
Snoqualmie Police Department	210 pounds, from Sept. 2010 to Jan. 2012
Woodinville Police Department	450 pounds, from July 2010 to Jan. 2012

In addition, 16 police departments have participated in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-back Events, one-day collections held semi-annually since fall 2010. The DEA plans to stop coordinating these take-back days once the new regulations for collection of controlled drugs are finalized, anticipated in late 2012/early 2013.

Total Medicines Collected in King County at 3 Events = 6,950 Pounds, as reported by the DEA.

Police Depts. Participating in DEA Events	Pounds collected during 3 Events (Sept 2010, April 2011, Oct 2011), if recorded/reported to LHWMP
Bellevue Police Department	868 pounds at 3 events
Black Diamond Police Department	225 pounds at 1 event
Des Moines Police Department	647 pounds at 3 events (only 1 of 2 locations reporting)
Duvall Police Department	136 pounds at 3 events
Federal Way Police Department	155 pounds at 2 events
Kent Police Department	539 pounds at 3 events
King County Sheriff's Office	221 pounds at 2 events
Kirkland Police Department	175 pounds at 2 events
Medina Police Department	120 pounds at 1 event
Mercer Island Police Department	450 pounds at 3 events
Normandy Park Police Department	18 pounds at 2 events
Port of Seattle Police Department	274 pounds at 2 events
Redmond Police Department	149 pounds at 1 event
SeaTac Police Department	119 pounds at 3 events
Seattle Police Department	1054 pounds at 3 events (not all locations reporting)
Shoreline Police Department	468 pounds at 3 events

Pharmacies Providing Medicine Take-Back in King County

Medicines accepted: prescription drugs that are NOT controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs.

Bartell Drugs has offered medicine take-back at some of its stores in Western WA since March 2008. Currently Bartells has drug drop boxes at 11 of its 43 stores in King County. The program is financed by Bartell Drugs, with hazardous waste disposal costs paid by the LHWMP.

Examples of King County pounds collected:

In 2010, Bartell Drugs collected & disposed of ~ 5,924 pounds of drugs at a cost of ~ \$10,756.

In 2011, Bartell Drugs collected & disposed of ~ 6,826 pounds (2011 costs not yet reported).

11 Bartell Drugs Medicine Take-back Locations in King County

Bartell Drugs, Auburn
Bartell Drugs, Bellevue Village Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Bridle Trails Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Burien Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Fairwood Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Issaquah Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Magnolia Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Shoreline Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, University Village Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, Upper Queen Anne Pharmacy
Bartell Drugs, White Center Pharmacy

Group Health Cooperative has offered medicine take-back at all 25 of its clinical pharmacies in King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Thurston counties since October 2006.

Group Health has 11 pharmacies in King County. The program is financed by Group Health.

Examples of King County pounds collected:

In 2010, Group Health collected & disposed of ~8,546 pounds of medicines at a cost of ~\$22,310.

In 2011, Group Health collected & disposed of ~9,951 pounds (2011 costs not yet reported).

11 Group Health Medicine Take-Back Locations in King County:

Group Health Cooperative, Bellevue Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Burien Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Capitol Hill Campus Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Downtown Seattle Medical Center
Group Health Cooperative, Factoria Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Federal Way Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Kent Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Northgate Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Rainier Medical Center
Group Health Cooperative, Redmond Medical Center Pharmacy
Group Health Cooperative, Renton Medical Center Pharmacy

For-Fee Mailers at Some Retail Pharmacies. At some drugstores - such as Walgreens, Rite Aid, Safeway - customers can purchase mailers for disposal of unwanted medicines. Costs of the mailers vary from \$2.99 to more, and each 8"x11" mailer holds up to 12 prescription pill vials. Controlled substances cannot be returned in the mailers under current federal regulations. Mailers are sent to a commercial waste incinerator. No information is available about how many residents are using these mailers.